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Proposed Exploitation Program for Near East, South Asia and Africa.

1. With reference to subject program, OCI desires to make the following suggestions:

a. Arab States [redacted]

- (1) Make certain that item (d) includes ex-grand Mufti, Hussaini, Arab refugee groups.
- (2) Add to item (h) "particularly with the Soviet Orbit; foreign investments [redacted]"
- (3) Add to item (i) "numbers of immigrants arriving in [redacted]"

b. Greece, Turkey, and Iran

- (1) Suggest omitting (b) - see (4) below.
- (2) Add "and attitudes" to (e).
- (3) Divide into 2 parts, e.g., (1) Internal affairs, including complaints about cost of living, attitudes toward government policies in political and economic fields and in handling Communist issues. (2) External affairs, including NATO, Balkan Alliance, Turkish-Iraqi Pact, prominent international issues (e.g. Cyprus question), smuggling activities, oil agreements, foreign economic activities.
- (4) Delete "on Iran" in item (h).

c. Africa

- (1) In line 6 of item (c) add "South Africa" between the words "on" and "Nationalist."
- (2) Amend item (f) to read "Social exchanges among prominent Europeans and among influential natives (including incidents of fraternization between these two usually antagonistic groups); social contacts between educated natives and Europeans in Black Africa."
- (3) Provide limited number of names and move item (j) higher on the list.

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d. India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan

No comment.

2. Inasmuch as the value of FDD information to OCI is relative to its currency, OCI desires to re-express its request for more current receipt of FDD reports wherever possible. It is suggested that semi-monthly publication might expedite these reports. In addition to the earlier release by FDD of such reports, the smaller size might encourage more rapid handling in Reproduction.

3. A recent check on the Greece, Turkey and Iran monthly report revealed that Summary Nr. 426 (Report #5), covering information published up to 17 February 1955, left FDD on 14 March and was received by OCD on 29 March. Summary Nr. 464 (Report #6) left FDD on 8 April and was received in OCD on 11 May. Perhaps something could be done to expedite this material through Reproduction.

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4. Please refer any questions on the above to ext. 2398.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR PROPOSED FDD EXPLOITATION PROGRAM FOR NEAR EAST,
SOUTH ASIA, AND AFRICA

1. The several places where the lettered item, eg. (h), reads:

"Geographic (surveys, accounts of travels in little known areas)"

should be changed to read:

Surveys (establishment of survey and boundary commissions, ground and aerial surveys, and accounts of travels in little known areas.

2. Another heading should then be added, somewhat as follows:

Geographic information: changes in the existance or nature of physical and cultural features (rivers, wells, bridges, roads, settlements, ethnic groups).

3. Page 8, subsection (e), add:

and regional settlement data.

4. Page 8, subsection (g), change to read:

Major legislation, decrees, and decisions (including budgets of individual ministries, of provincial and municipal administrations, and judicial decisions affecting minority groups)

5. Page 8, subsection (h), add:

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and Histadrut agricultural activity :

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A. Administrative Organization

1. Army High Command

a. Structure

Information on the main subdivision of the Ministry of Defense and the chain of command to the territorial headquarters and the field forces. Pay careful attention to exact nomenclature. Information on the internal organization and functioning of each of the main bureaus.

b. Territorial Organization

Information on the division of the country into military districts, regions, corps areas, etc. Also on the function of each i.e., local defense, recruitment, training, replacement, administration, tactical command.

2. Arms and Services

Information on the arms and services to include the exact nomenclature and their designations in the language of the country, i.e., Signal Corps (Hebrew designation).

B. Tactical Organization

Information on the organization of the Army into tactical commands and basic tactical units. Also the organization, location of signal units, supply units, and other service units.

D. Order of Battle

1. Strength

Any available figures breaking down the total strength of the Ground Forces functionally (major components, branches of service, officers and enlisted men, cadres and conscripts, age classes, auxiliares, racial elements)

E. Strategy and Defenses

1. Information on the strategic problems facing the country to include comments on terrain, position, economic, political and other factors. Information on how the leaders (political and military) plan to meet these problems. Does the present organization, disposition and mobilization plans of the country fit these strategic considerations?

F. Tactical Doctrine

Information on current trends in tactical doctrines and techniques.

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In addition, any information special operations such as night fighting, mountain warfare, desert and airborne operations, etc.

G. Personnel

1. Ranks

Any special categories as Warrant Officers or military officials. Information on alternate designations of rank for personnel in the various branches of the service (gunner for military private).

2. Pay

Any changes to the basic pay scale used in the Army.

3. Procurement and Terms of Service

Methods of procurement, terms of service for personnel (any changes thereto). Information on voluntary recruitment and re-enlistment in the Army.

H. Training

1. Pre-induction

Information on military education in schools course, training of a pre-induction nature (youth organization, military history).

2. Schools and Installations

Army schools and Training establishments (vernacular spelling required).

3. Any information on individual training, unit or combined training and reserve training.

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I. Arab States -

General Arab affairs from large Cairo papers duped by FBIS FS

Egypt - info good but duped in FBIS, London Times, Egyptian Gazette.

Publication of little value because of duplication with other ~~on~~ *easy* available sources. Suggest scanning (Cairo)

Sudan

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Duplication with other easily available sources, not using Sudan gov't Gazette which gives better coverage and more current. *little value*

Ethiopia and Yoman

Scanning no local papers. Better coverage in FS - little value.

Iraq

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scanning native papers: about 10% unique, (English) easily available gives somewhat same coverage.

Joint press Summaries *good coverage*.

Continue, with effort to avoid duplication and emphasis on national organizations and foreigners in area.

Saudi Arabia

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Not scanning native papers. About 10-15% unique. Good items from Arab papers.

No coverage from FS - some value; continue. Suggest scanning

Syria

published in Mecca, semi-official.

Scanning national papers. dupe with FBIS, no FS - about 5 % unique. Info good on political parties-Dip. *Some value.*

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Lebanon

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Scanning national papers but high duplication with FBIS (English) better *coverage little value*

Arab Protectorates and Sultanates

Not scanning local papers (none exist); *But* ~~But~~ better coverage in FS. *little value*

Jordan

Scanning native papers but most of coverage is on international events and national Economic-sociological of little interest to us. Much duplication with FBIS - little value

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II. Greece - Turkey - Iran

Greece - Scanning native papers. Much duplication with FBIS, FS
* Good info on political parties, expansion of Greek abbrev. Some value; continue with more emphasis on political.

Turkey

Scanning national press (mostly Istanbul, *few* Ankara)
Items of interest duped in FBIS, FS. Little value.

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Iran

Scanning native press but info covered in FS and in
(best ~~Single~~ Source) Little value

III. India - Pakistan, Afghanistan

India - Scanning metropolitan press largely dupe of FS. English language newspapers readily available. Little value

Pakistan -

Scanning native papers. However, good coverage from FS. Little value

Afghanistan

Scanning native papers. Much duplication with other sources. *however,*
* Mar 55 issue excellent info on central and provincial gov. from
(Kabul). Need more like this. Some value.

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IV. Africa

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Algeria

Best coverage in pub. is from (Dakar) but info is duped in other easily available sources. FBIS, FS.
Little value.

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Tunisia

Little value. duped in FBIS FS

Morocco

Little value, duped in FBIS, FS

Spanish Morocco

* Little value in present form but need info on this area. Suggest scanning
 published in Tetuan not now covered.

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Eritrea

No local papers, no value

Somaliland

Little value.

Portuguese Africa

All from Paris papers, little value

✓ General: scanning paper published outside of country
give date line of article.

V. Transliteration

Following with few exceptions: $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}$; $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{E}$; $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{J}$

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Arabic: six variations [not av. today]